

MINUTES
MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: K. Dorgan, S. Ferrigno, M. Hirschorn, K. Kazerounian, J. McGuire
Staff present: Matt Hart, Town Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development
Others Present: Alex Marcellino, Town Council Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Ferrigno.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Approval of Minutes: J. McGuire MOVED, M. Hirschorn seconded to accept the minutes of the 12/18/14 and 1/8/15 meetings as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development:** Members identified the following goals and strategies as priorities for Commission action: Goal 6.1, Strategy A; Goal 6.2, Strategies A and D; and Goal 6.3, Strategies A, B and D. Staff will work on developing a work plan incorporating actions from these strategies, particularly Goals 6.2 and 6.3. With regard to Goal 6.1, Strategy A, Hart suggested that a UConn MPA student could be of assistance. Members expressed interest in this approach; Painter will include in a proposed economic development budget for FY16. The Commission also discussed how efforts could be better integrated with UConn, expressing an interest in learning how other universities collaborate with their host communities.

New Business:

1. **Next meeting/agenda items:** Discussion at the February meeting will focus on a work plan based on the priorities identified and plans for a regional EDC meeting in the spring.

Reports: Hart updated the Commission on the sewer and water projects and advised the members of an upcoming Council workshop on the project. Hart also noted that two council members, Alex Marcellino and Steve Kegler had expressed interest in serving in a non-voting capacity; their appointments are pending with the Committee on Committees.

Communications: None received.

Adjournment: S. Ferrigno adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development